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Applicant	:	Diab, et al.	)	Group Art Unit 3736
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For	:	SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD	)	
Examiner	:	Eric Winakur	,	

**Preliminary Amendment** 

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Dear Sir:

Further to the Examiner's Interview, Applicants submit the following further Preliminary Amendment.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete Claim 199 and replace the pending claims 41, 110-112, 171-172, 185-186, 194-98, and 200-201 with the following clean versions of amended claims 41, 110-112, 171-172, 185-186, 194-198 and 200-201. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made. The attached page is captioned: Version With Markings to Show Changes Made.

41. (Twice Amended) A pulse oximeter comprising:

at least first and second light emitting devices;

at least one light detector configured to receive light attenuated by transmission through a body tissue with pulsing blood, the at least one light detector acquiring a first signal based on light from the first light emitting device comprising a first desired signal portion and a first undesired signal portion and a second signal based on light from the